



**FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES
For
November 2, 2017, 6:30 P.M.**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Chairman Mike Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Richard Holbrook, George Crump, Robbie Tedford, John Garcia, Paul Kelly, Craig Overstreet, and Kevin Adamson were present. City staff present were Sandra Green, Ben White, and City Attorney Alan Lathrom. Mayor Piwko was also in attendance.
- Commissioner Craig Overstreet asked for a moment of silence for leaders of our community that recently passed away, Haddie Kelly, Lynn Feagin, and Larry Radliff then led the prayer followed by the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider, discuss, and act upon the Charter Commission Minutes from October 5, 2017
- Motion to approve minutes made by Paul Kelly
 - 2nd made by Richard Holbrook
 - All members voted in favor

III. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Discuss, analyze, and begin writing the Articles of the charter.
- Mike Hurst explained they are wanting the proposed Charter on the May election ballot, but if the Commission wanted to wait until November they would talk about it. He explained the Commission is trying to complete this for the future of Farmersville. He indicated the Commission members were almost finished going through everything. We do not want to rush, but we want it ready when we do hit the population threshold.
 - Craig Overstreet talked about the logistics. He asked what the time frame would be to get it on the May Election.

- Sandra Green stated she would probably need the final copy and have everything reviewed by the public by the end of December. She indicated she would have to look in the Election Manual.
- Craig Overstreet asked about the number of voters in the May 2016 election.
- Sandra Green pulled up the numbers from Collin County in the last election and showed the members.
- Mike Hurst said he would like to set the Charter higher in relation to recall. If you went from 30% to 40% it might be better.
- Paul Kelly stated he was okay with 30% or 40%. He wanted it so people could not recall all the time, but if it is too high then people would not feel like they have a voice.
- Richard Holbrook agreed.
- Craig Overstreet stated if 1/3 of the population wanted a recall then there would obviously be a problem.
- Mike Hurst thinks 40% would be better.
- The Commission agreed to leave it at 30% or 150 people who voted in the last election.
- Craig Overstreet stated citizen's numbers should be 30% or 150 people who voted in the last election in order to call the initiative to bring an item to Council for discussion. He also asked about sending contracts to Council for review.
- Ben White stated right now all contracts go through the City Council.
- They discussed how many years' contracts should be valid.
- Alan Lathrom stated he does not like to see them go past 10 years.
- Craig Overstreet stated the boards section of the document did have a clause that would allow for the removal of board members if they had too many absences.
- Alan Lathrom stated the terms for the Planning & Zoning Commission should be staggered years and three years terms, and they would select a Chairman and other positions every June. Alan Lathrom then explained franchise agreements.
- Ben White stated he did not want the franchise agreements to go over 20 years.
- The Commissioners brought up a statement in the Prosper Charter that stated they did not allow for the sale of alcohol.
- The Commissioners decided to leave that section as it was written for the City's proposed Charter.
- Alan Lathrom stated the claims against liens or garnishments was written okay.

- Craig Overstreet stated the Prosper Charter indicated that at least every ten years the Charter Commission of ten citizens should meet to make any changes.
- Alan Lathrom talked about state law and then he explained that ten citizens for the review committee might be too much.
- Richard Holbrook asked if the Commission could state at least six citizens.
- Alan Lathrom indicated it would be better to leave it open ended.
- The Commissioners agreed to state at least six citizens.
- The Commissioners stated the November 2018 election would be best and the Commission would meet again in March 2018 to go over the first draft of the proposed Charter.

IV. REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS

V. ADJOURNMENT


- Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVE.



Mike Hurst, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sandra Green, City Secretary